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In re Application of :  
Francesco Ciovacco et al :  
Application No. 10/608,855 :  
Filed: June 27, 2003 :  
Attorney Docket No. 2110-47-3 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 12, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed July 20, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. Two-month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 21, 2006.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity with a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) filed on February 12, 2007.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$570 extension of time submitted with the petition on February 12, 2007 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at (571) 272-3210.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center AU 2811 for further processing.

  
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